

ready in jail when I was employed by the government to assist the United States District Attorney, Mr. Joseph Ganahl, in the prosecutions. The attention of the attorney-general was directed to the fifth in the letter I will now read :

SAVANNAH, GA., March 25, 1859.

"Hon. J. S. Black; Attorney-General of United States.

"Sir:—One of the individuals prominently connected with the Wanderer in her piratical expedition, probably the purser, and by name J. Egbert Farnum, is supposed to be usually in New York, and not unfrequently in the city of Washington. It had been my intention to have the proper affidavit made out, and a warrant issued for his apprehension, to be brought for trial here. Apart from the difficulties raised by the decision of Judge Magrath, however, upon consultation with Mr. Ganahl, and the district attorney for the Southern district of New York, whom I was happy to meet in this city, the conclusion was reached that it might be expedient to put Farnum upon his trial in the district where he may be arrested. In some respects the forum might be a more desirable one, being situated in a non-slaveholding region; and it is not at all impossible that the facts elicited may involve houses in New York city which it may be important to strike. The documentary evidence in our possession against Farnum, making out a strong *prima facie* case, has been placed in the hands of Mr. Sedgwick. Two or three witnesses, now completely under our control, will suffice to consummate the proof against him.

"I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. JACKSON."

Not very long after the date of this letter, chancing to be in Washington, I was called to his office by the attorney-